

**Amendments to the specification:**

Paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 and ending at page 6, line 17:

The present reticle 140 contains no regions which are the equivalent of the phase shifting regions ~~172~~ 126 of the reticle of Figure 7.

Paragraph beginning at page 5, line 30 and ending at page 6, line 4:

Figure 9 and sectional views Figures 10A and 10B show the present test reticle 140 which is the subject of this invention. The present test reticle 140 includes a quartz body 142 that is transparent to light. The quartz body 142 has first, second, third and fourth sets of pluralities of parallel, opaque, for example, chrome lines 144, 146, 148, 150 on the body 142 which form an outline 152 in the configuration of a square. Between each adjacent pair of lines 144, 146, 148, 150 is a transparent portion 154 which includes first and second regions 156, 158 in side-by-side relation running the length of the adjacent lines, in each case with the first region separating one of the adjacent pair of parallel lines from the second region, and the second region separating the first region from the other of the adjacent pair of parallel lines, the region 156 providing transmission of light therethrough without change in phase thereof, the region 158, being recessed as described above, providing transmission of light therethrough while changing the phase thereof by 90°.

Paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, and ending at page 6, line 12:

The quartz body also has fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sets of pluralities of parallel, opaque, for example, chrome lines 160, 162, 164, 166 on the body 142 which form an outline 168 in the configuration of square, which is centrally positioned within the first-mentioned outline 152. Between each adjacent pair of lines 160, 162, 164, 166 is a transparent portion 154 which includes first and second regions 156, 158 in side-by-side relation running the length of the adjacent lines, in each case with the first region separating one of the adjacent pair of parallel lines from the second region, and the second region separating the first region from the other of the adjacent pair of parallel lines, the region 156 providing transmission of light therethrough without change in phase thereof, the region 158, being recessed as described above, providing transmission of light therethrough which changes the phase thereof by 90°.